

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 23, 2021  
Pentecost Sunday

## Gathering

As the congregation gathers, please take a moment to speak to people sitting around you whom you may not know. Hebrews 13:2 (KJV) says, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unaware."

**Prelude** Lin Harness, guest pianist

## Welcome to Worship

## Greeting

**\*Opening Hymn** UM Hymnal Pg. 133  
*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

**\*Responsive Reading** ~ Psalm 104:1-6 UM Hymnal Pg. 826

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

**O Lord my God, you are very great!**

You are clothed with honor and majesty,  
and cover yourself with light as with a garment;

**you have stretched out the heavens like a tent,  
and have laid the beams of your chambers on the waters;**

you make the clouds your chariot,  
and ride on the wings of the wind;

**you make the winds your messengers,  
fire and flame your ministers.**

You set the earth on its foundations,  
so that it should never be shaken.

**You covered it with the deep as with a garment;  
the waters stood above the mountains.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

## Pastoral Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Let us pray.

## The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.*

*Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.*

## Presentation of Tithes, Gifts and Offerings

**\*Doxology** UM Hymnal Pg. 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**The Scripture Lesson** Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, Acts 2:42-45

Minister: The word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "Taking the Mask Off" Rev. Mark Barnes

**\*Hymn of Dedication** (sing Twice) UM Hymnal Pg. 349  
*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

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*The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **May 23- Worship Time Changes**

Sunday, May 23 we will return to our pre-pandemic Sunday Worship schedule. There will also be changes in our guidelines. While we continue to urge the wearing of masks, and will provide them, we will no longer require them in the building for Worship and Sunday School. The decision will be up to each individual. We ask that you continue to respect one another and their needs during this transition. We encourage you to continue to practice social distancing as you are able.

The worship times are as follows:

**8 am- Spell Chapel**

**8:45 am- Contemporary Word & Table- Fellowship Hall**

**8:45 am- Traditional- Sanctuary**

**10 am- Sunday School**

**11:15 am- Traditional- Sanctuary**

### **Sunday School Classes Resume TODAY**

All Sunday school classes will resume on today. Sunday School is at 10 am. We are excitedly planning to welcome our Bethany children, youth and adults back! Nursery will also be available.

### **New Young Adult Sunday School Class**

New Young Adult Sunday school opportunity! College-aged through young career are welcome in Room 239 starting May 23. We're very excited about this new opportunity!!

### **RightNow Media**

Don't forget you have access to tons of video resources - Bible studies, movies, TV shows and more - on RightNow Media. To sign up, simply text Rightnow Bethany message to 41411.

### **Blessing Box Needs**

Donations for the Blessing Box are needed. You can drop off donations in front of the Business Office door during the week, or on Sundays. We are currently in need of pasta sauce, peanut butter and jelly. Thank you!

### **Stephen Ministry**

If you are hurting, in need of a hand to hold on to or talk thru an issue or problem we are a Stephen Ministry Church and have Stephen Ministers ready to be with you. Contact Denis Tsukalas at 843.871.0381 or Mary Kay Wren at 843.323.2130 or 843.821.3123.



***Bethany United Methodist Church  
Spell Chapel ~ 8 o'clock a.m.***

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